GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2589
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WOMEN BENEFICIARIES UNDER NREGS
Chakrabortty Shri Swadesh

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women employed under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measure to ensure adequate participation of women under this scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the equal wages to women against their male counterpart?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) A statement containing the number of person days availed by women under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is annexed.

(b) to (d) Section 6 of schedule II of the Act provides that priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least one-third of beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work under this Act. Para 34 of Schedule II of the Act provides that in case of every employment under the Scheme, there shall be no discrimination solely on the ground of gender and the provisions of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 (25 of 1976), shall be complied with. The number of person days availed by women (upto January, 2007) are 2610.74 lakhs. States have been advised to undertake work time and motion studies.

ANNEXURE

Statement as referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2589 dated 16.3.2007

Employment Generation under NREGA during the year 2006-07

S.No.	States	No. of days Worked by wome (In lakh Persondays)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	264.45
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1.36
3	ASSAM	116.17
4	BIHAR	50.54
5	CHATTISGARH	172.31
6	GUJARAT	35.33
7	HARYANA	4.91
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1.76
9	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0.01
10	JHARKHAND	106.83
11	KARNATAKA	84.28
12	KERALA	3.92
13	MADHYA PRADESH	688.04
14	MAHARASHTRA	137.79
15	MANIPUR	3.31
16	MEGHALAYA	NR
17	MIZORAM	0.78
18	NAGALAND	3.54
19	ORISSA	166.58
20	PUNJAB	3.82
21	RAJASTHAN	516.87
22	SIKKIM	0.36
23	TAMIL NADU	62.26
24	TRIPURA	4.34
25	UTTAR PRADESH	98.67

26	UTTRANCHAL	7.47
27	WEST BENGAL	45.04
	Total	2610.74

Note: Statement prepared on the basis of report received from the State Government upto January 2007.